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PASS TO MR. JOSEPH R. COUPAL, JR., DEPUTY FEDERAL HIGHWAY
ADMINISTRATOR DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION, FHWA, WASHINGTON,
D.C.

E.O. 11652: N/A
SUBJECT: VISIT OF MR. JOSEPH R. COUPAL, JR., DEPUTY FEDERAL
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR

REF: DOT/FHWA CABLE OF 201957Z AUG 75

1. MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (MOT) PLANNING TRIP ON HIGH
SPEED TRAIN (SHINKANSEN) MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 6 AND TOUR
OF TOKYO HIGHWAY NETWORK IN AFTERNOON. DUE TO LIMITED
TIME AVAILABLE, MOT SUGGESTS TOKYO-ATAMI-TOKYO TRAIN
TRIP INSTEAD OF TOKYO-NAGOYA-TOKYO. FORMER WILL SAVE
APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS. EMBASSY REQUIRED TO PURCHASE
SHINKANSEN TICKET (4940 YEN, APPROXIMATELY \$16,70) IN
ADVANCE (WITH REIMBURSEMENT AFTER COUPAL ARRIVAL IN
TOKYO). EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE WEEK-END STAFF CAR FOR AFTERNOON
HIGHWAY TOUR.

2. MOST REQUESTS MR. COUPAL BE ACCCOMPANIED BY
INTERPRETER DURING TOUR. SIMUL (LOCAL INTERPRETING
AGENCY FREQUENTLY USED BY EMBASSY VISITORS) INTERPRETER
CAN BE ARRANGED BY EMBASSY. COST TO DOT FOR 8-HOUR
DAY \$110. INTERPRETER WILL ALSO REQUIRE TRAIN TICKET.

3. MOT ALSO REQUESTS NAME OF HOTEL WHERE MR.COUPAL
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WILL STAY. EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICER RODNEY HUFF WILL

MEET AIRPORT AND ESCORT TO HOTEL.

4. PLEASE ADVISE ON (A) ACCEPTABILITY TOKYO-ATAMI-TOKYO TRAIN TRIP, (B) INTERPRETER ARRANGEMENTS, (C) NAME OF HOTEL, (D) EMBASSY ASSUMES MR. COUPAL TRAVELING ALONE IN TOKYO. PLEASE ADVISE IF OTHERS WILL ACCOMPANY.

MOT REQUEST REPLY BY AUGUST 29.

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